

Kineholistics Presents

LOVE TAPES IN NEW YORK 1980

a public, interactive video art event

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A FOUR PART EVENT WITH:

WNET/THIRTEEN

LOVE TAPES, a 46 min. selection, will be "Independent Focus" Sunday, April 27, 11:00 p.m.

CABLE TELEVISION

Each day selections of tapes made at the booth will be shown the following day on: MANHATTAN CABLE, TELEPROMPTER, UA COLUMBIA Mon., April 28 - May 11.

THE WORLD TRADE CENTER

Exhibition and Video Booth in the main lobby of Tower Two. Mon. - Sat; April 28 - May 10. 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Donnell Branch will have LOVE TAPES IN NEW YORK in its archives for future viewing upon request.

LOVE TAPES is an on-going interactive video art piece; an expanding series of three-minute tapes made by people from diverse backgrounds sitting alone in a room, talking about their feelings about love, as they look at their image on a TV monitor. Music of their own choice plays in the background.

LOVE TAPES, which began with one tape made by the artist, has grown into an exhibit performed by the audience. Those who choose to participate, experience the intimately designed, sequential process which permits them to produce out of their particular life experience, their own work of art. Each becomes part of the on-going process that both documents and stimulates a sharing with others on a topic that is both personal and universal.

Viewing LOVE TAPES provides an extraordinary opportunity to watch and hear people reveal a deep dimension of themselves. The tapes are made to be seen in clusters. As we identify with these "strangers", we feel a strengthening of the human connection. Our separateness dissolves, as our uniqueness becomes more clear Through this paticular use of video, we see a glimpse of humanity not otherwise possible. People begin to see that they no longer need to be confined to a passive relationship with TV, but can become part of its content.

HOW LOVE TAPES ARE MADE

The Participants:

- 1. View Love Tapes made by others.
- 2. Select their own background music.
- 3. Sit *alone* in a room, facing their image on a TV monitor.
- 4. Talk spontaneously on their personal feelings about love, for three minutes.
- See tape back and then decide whether to erase it or share it with others.

BOOTH HOSTS:

Wendy Clarke, Suzanne Greason, Andy Gurian, Marlene Hersh, Darrell Perry, Maria Rodriquez.

BOOTH VOLUNTEERS:

June Bateman, Will Bundy, René Cruz, Mara Elias, Theresa Fisher, Patty Grimes, Michael Gutkowski, Branwyn Harris, Maryellen Johansen, Mathew Malach, Bob McDonnell, Geraldine McDuffie, Tim Moser, Andy Mosso, Elizabeth Obelenus, Kevin O'dea, Linh Ong, Robert Petterson, Laurie Quirk, Terry Rumolo, Julie Santoro, Charlotte Slivka, Jim Sofranko, Kathy Sullivan, Miriam Taaffe, Tom Taaffe.

We wish to thank all the people who have made a LOVE TAPE to date (March 1980) and all the many who will make their LOVE TAPES, hopefully it will grow and grow to connect us all around the planet. And a special thanks to: Gil Adler, Victor Ancona, Benedict Arnold, Flory Barnett, Esther Bodie, Florence Brimberg, Patty Brook, Mark Brownstone, Ellen Buchwalter, Bert Clarke, Shirley Clarke, Joan Cohen, Ronnie Eldridge, John Fogarty, Charles Forgeron, Gail Franzak, Dr. Jon Geis, Stella Giamassi, John Giancolla, Leonora Girrier, Alice Goodloe, Sue Caruso-Green, John Hanhardt, Barbara Haspiel, Rae Ann Hoffman, Lee Howard, Shirley Kaplan, Andrea Miller-Keller, Howard Klein, Bennett Korn, Richard Kotuck, Rodger Larson, Dr. Rachel Lauer, Mary Layton, Nancy Legge, Suzanne Letterhos, Aaron Lewit, Barbara London, Michael Miller, Peter Mitchell, Ann Mulvena, Tim Ney, Dr. Ashakant Nimbark, Michael O'Callaghan, Liz Oliver, Nam June Paik, Marschel Paul, Alfred Pettenati, Jorge Ramus, Judith Rohrer, Nan Rokaw, Pete Sacco, Mario Salzano, William Sarnelli, Bill Sloan, Michael Jon Spencer, Pat Snyder, Robert Takagi, Richard Takeuchi, Fredereika Taylor, Marjorie Thurston, Ruth Van Doren, Barbara Van Dyke, Marc Weis, Rosalie Winard, Freida Zames, Arlene Zivitz.

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